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FROM USDEL 78

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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE BASE NEGOTIATIONS: REGIONAL RELAY FACILITY
CLARK

1. DURING DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING STATE DEPT. REGIONAL
RELAY COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY LOCATED ON CLARK AIR BASE
MILITARY RESERVATION, PHILDEL HAS INDICATED WILLINGNESS
HANDLE ITS FUTURE OPERATION THROUGH SEPARATE EXCHANGE OF
NOTES OUTSIDE FRAMEWORK OF MILITARY BASE AGREEMENT BUT
COINCIDENTIAL WITH ITS SIGNATURE.

2. USDEL HAS PREPARED FOLLOWING DRAFT DESIGNED TO ASSURE
CONTINUED USE OF RRF FOR ROUGHLY THE SAME PERIOD NOW
AUTHORIZED BY EXISTING MILITARY FACILITIES AGREEMENT.

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"THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO RECENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S REGIONAL RELAY COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY LOCATED ON THE CLARK AIR BASE MILITARY RESERVATION AND DESCRIBED IN THE ENCLOSURE TO THIS NOTE.

"THE EMBASSY WISHES TO CONFIRM THE UNDERSTANDING ARRIVED AT DURING THE RECENT DISCUSSIONS THAT THE AREA UPON WHICH THE REGIONAL RELAY COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY IS SITUATED IS TO BE REDESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES AIDAILPPDDAJCMZEJW## CONSIDERED A PART OF A MILITARY RESERVATION. THE REGIONAL RELAY COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY WILL BE CONSIDERED AN ADJUNCT TO THE UNITED STATED DIPLOMATIC MISSION ACCREDITED TO THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES. AS PART OF THE UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC MISSION, THE FACILITY AND ITS PERSONNEL WILL ENJOY ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS TO WHICH BOTH OF OUR GOVERNMENTS ARE PARTIES.

"IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MAY CONTINUE TO UTILIZE THE AREA, AS REDESIGNATED, UPON WHICH THE REGIONAL RELAY COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY IS SITUATED, WITHOUT CHARGE, TAXATION, OR OTHER COMPENSATION FOR FIFTEEN YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTE. THE DISPOSITION OF THE FACILITY FOLLOWING THAT DATE WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

"IF THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES, THE EMBASSY HAS THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THIS NOTE AND THE DEPARTMENT'S REPLY INDICATING CONCURRENCE SHALL CONSTITUTE AN INTERIM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE REGIONAL RELAY COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY, EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S REPLY.

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"THE EMBASSY AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION."

3. THIS TEXT DOES NOT RPT NOT ADDRESS COMPLICATED PROBLEM OF RRF HOUSING CONSTRUCTED AND OCCUPIED WITHIN THE HOUSING AREA OF CLARK AIR BASE. IT IS OUR CONSIDERED JUDGMENT THAT THIS IS BEST PASSED BY IN SILENCE. PHILS

HAVE BEEN SHOWN HOUSING DURING ROLLING TOUR OF THE BASE
AND IF THEY RAISE ISSUE, WE WILL HAVE TO FACE IT IN
DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM. HOWEVER, IN CURRENT CONTEXT, WE
BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE TO LET SLEEPING DOG LIE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE AUTHORIZATION NO
LATER THAN OPENING OF BUSINESS JULY 12 FOR USDEL TO
TABLE DRAFT IN PLENARY SESSION OF CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS.
TEXT IS DESIGNED TO BE INITIALED BY U.S. AMBASSADOR AND
REPLY WOULD PRESUMABLY BE INITIALED BY SECRETARY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THE PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF NOTES WOULD
SIMPLY PERMIT THE U.S. TO CONTINUE TO EXERCISE RIGHTS
IT ALREADY HAD. THE U.S. WOULD ASSUME NO NEW OBLIGA-
TIONS AND NO ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS
WOULD BE NECESSARY. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE DOUBT
THAT CIRCULAR 175 PROCEDURES ARE NECESSARY.
SULLIVAN

NOTE BY OCT: ## AS RECEIVED; CORRECTION UPON REQUEST.

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